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Test 3

Language Curriculum I

Instructions to students:

Answers to the questions are to be recorded on the separate answer sheets provided. PLEASE BE SURE TO USE ONLY SIDE A OF THE ANSWER SHEET, THE SIDE THAT HAS ROOM FOR 5 CHOICES.

Use a soft lead pencil (#2 or softer) and completely fill the space between the lines for the response you choose as the correct answer. Your score on this test will be the number of correct answers you mark. There is only one best answer for each item.

Sample test item: Who is the chief executive of the United States Government?
(1) The President
(2) The Secretary of State
(3) The Secretary of Defense
(4) The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court

Since the correct answer is 1, the answer sheet is marked like this:

Sample test item: 1 2 3 4 5
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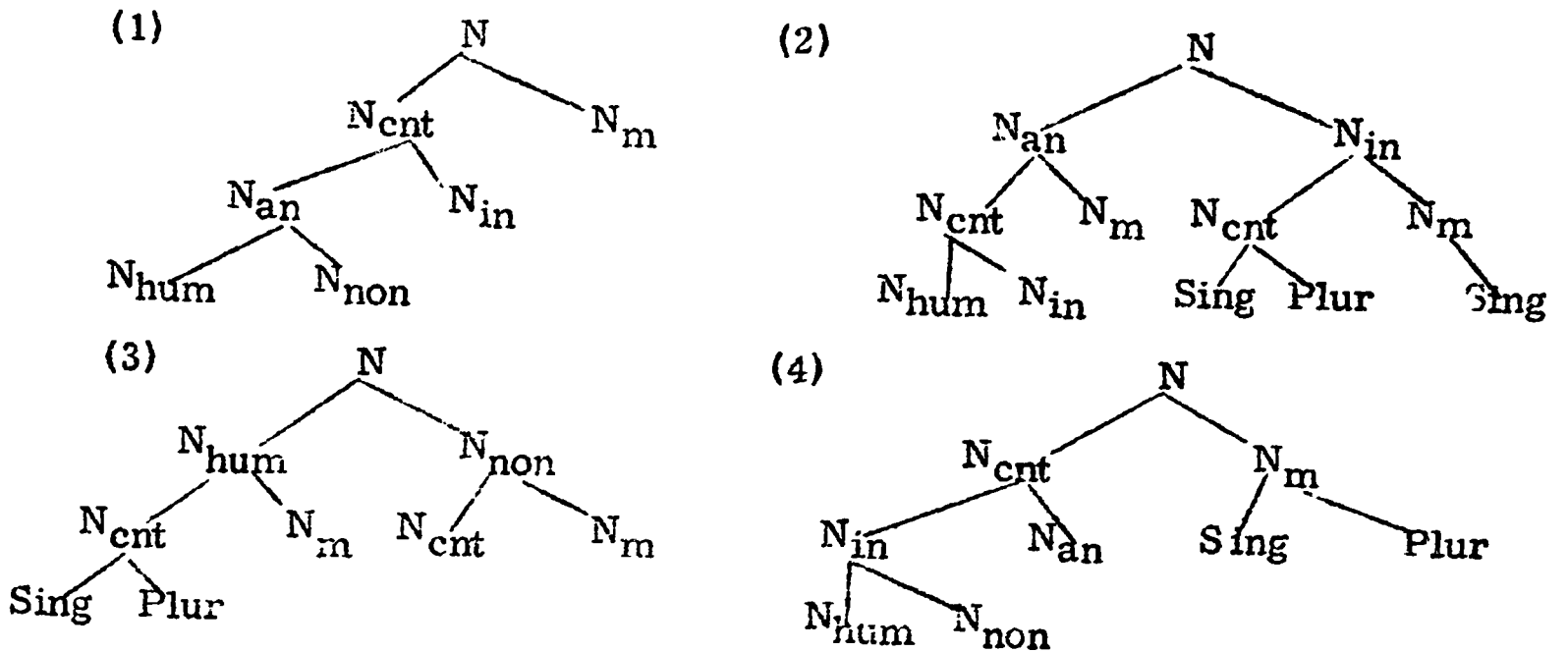
The following groups of sentences have elements underlined. Choose the sentence in which an NP is underlined.

1. (1) The airplane landed quickly.
(2) The horse has been eating grass.
(3) The trees are beautiful.
(4) A robin was chirping nearby.
2. (1) That desk belongs to Joe.
(2) Children are riding skate boards.
(3) Dinner is on the table.
(4) Your friend is outside.
3. (1) He ate the food eagerly.
(2) Our class is quiet.
(3) The furnace blew up.
(4) Joe has been catching fish.
4. (1) I will read the story.
(2) Peter fought hard.
(3) Some people like sour cream.
(4) Your experience is unbelievable.
5. (1) She has been taking the census.
(2) George made a mistake.
(3) The crab is slow.
(4) She should drive slowly.

In exercises 6-15 classify each underlined noun as one of the following:

- (1) N_m
 - (2) N_{hum}
 - (3) N_{non}
 - (4) N_{in}
6. This is the way of men in the midst of invisible dangers.
 7. The rocket thrust the space capsule into the air.
 8. The driver spoke only in low tones after long intervals.
 9. He awoke the dog with a kick.
 10. The guides refused to continue the adventure.
 11. You gave the clerk a ten dollar bill.
 12. Joe scored the winning basket.
 13. You have ten minutes to finish the test.
 14. The boys are cleaning their boots.
 15. Poetry was read aloud by the club.

16. Which of the following sets of symbols completely accounts for all characteristics of the symbol N?



17. Which of the following is a count noun?

- (1) gold
- (2) dirt
- (3) fun
- (4) feather

18. Which sentence contains an empty determiner?

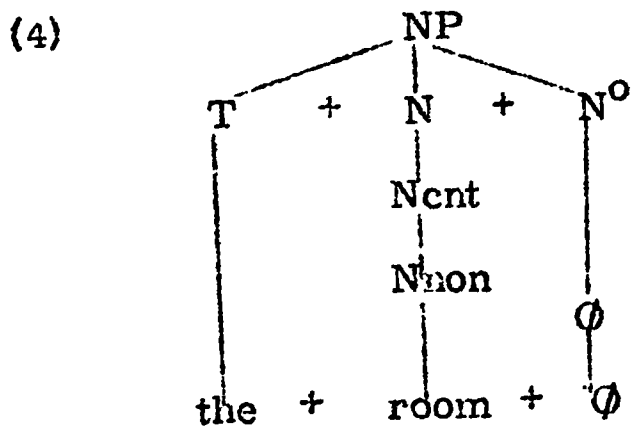
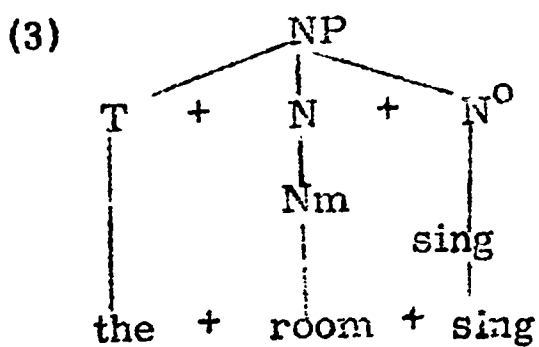
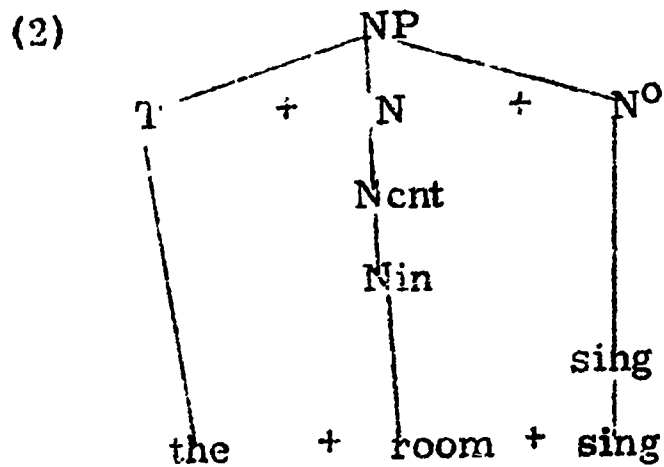
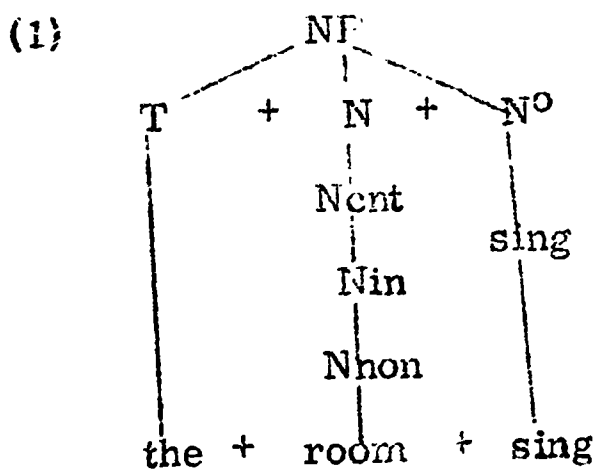
- (1) The strong wind scattered papers everywhere.
- (2) This doll costs a dollar.
- (3) The Indian was often mistreated.
- (4) Some people can't come to the game.

19. Which noun may be either singular or plural?

- (1) children
- (2) gold
- (3) milk
- (4) sheep

20. Which of the following diagrams would produce an accurate linguistic string for NP² in this sentence: "Sunrise filled the room."

(See following page)



In exercises 21-25 select the sentence which is illustrated linguistically by the string of symbols.

21. T + Nhum + plur + past + be + ing + Vtr + T + Nm + sing

- (1) The boys were weighing some iron.
- (2) The men were playing ball.
- (3) Some students were singing the school song.
- (4) Some women were scrubbing the wall.

22. T + Nm + sing + past + Be + Loc

- (1) Some foods are grown in the valley.
- (2) This fish has been in the freezer.
- (3) Clouds were filling the sky.
- (4) The meat was on the table.

23. Ø + Nhum + sing + pres + M + be + ing + Vtr + T + Nnon⁺
sing

- (1) Max will be having fun.
- (2) Murgatroyd must be walking the dog.
- (3) Agnes should be preparing the dinner.
- (4) not given

24. Ø + Nhum + sing + past + Vlnk + Ø + Nhum + sing

- (1) The girls found a kitten on the steps.
- (2) He remained captain.
- (3) Alex went home yesterday.
- (4) not given

25. T + N_{in} + Plur + Pres + M + have + en + Vmid + Ø + N_{in} + Plur

- (1) The rocks must have weighed tons.
- (2) The lambs should have been born in spring.
- (3) The wool may have been cleaned by machine.
- (4) not given

In exercises 26-30 under each sentence are found four strings of symbols.
Select the one which is the string for the sentence.

26. Magic is fun.

- (1) NP + pres + Vlnk + Adj
- (2) NP + pres + Be + NP
- (3) NP + past + Vtr + NP
- (4) NP + pres + Vin + Man

27. The team has been losing.

- (1) NP + past + have + en + Be
- (2) NP + pres + have + be + ing + Vtr
- (3) NP + pres + have + en + be + ing + Vin
- (4) NP + past + Vmid + NP

28. Some students will become doctors.

- (1) NP + pres + M + Vlnk + NP
- (2) NP + past + M + Vtr + NP
- (3) NP + past + M + Vmid + NP
- (4) NP + past + M + Vlnk + NP

29. The children have had measles.

- (1) NP + pres + have + en + Vtr + NP
- (2) NP + pres + have + en + Vmid + NP
- (3) NP + past + have + en + Vlnk + NP
- (4) NP + pres + have + en + Vlnk + NP

30. The otter was swimming gracefully.

- (1) NP + past + be + Vin + Man
- (2) NP + pres + be + ing + Vtr + NP
- (3) NP + past + be + ing + Vmid + Man
- (4) NP + past + be + ing + Vin + Man

31. Which of the following are verbs which are always followed by an NP.

- (1) transitive verbs and mid verbs
- (2) transitive verbs and Be verbs
- (3) Be verbs and mid verbs
- (4) Be verbs and linking verbs

In items 32-34 select the response which is an example of the rule which
says NP → T + N + N⁰

32. (1) quietly
(2) the boys
(3) had been
(4) was fat
33. (1) at home
(2) an
(3) singular
(4) some people
34. (1) Mary
(2) past
(3) will be going
(4) tall
35. What is the underlying string for magic?
(1) N + sing
(2) Nin + sing
(3) T + Nm + sing
(4) Ø + Nnon
36. "How much _____?" is a test for which one of the following element
(1) Mass noun
(2) Count noun
(3) Mass noun and count noun
(4) Noun Phrase
37. In which of the following groups, are all of the nouns count nouns?
(1) blood, men, ice, sticks.
(2) magic, rice, gold, silver
(3) milk, fish, tree, idea
(4) men, sticks, ice picks, goats
38. Which one of the following elements fits into the blank in this frame:
"_____ is sleeping."
(1) animate nouns
(2) any count noun
(3) only human nouns
(4) only mass nouns
39. Which one of the following elements fits into the blank in the frame:
"The storm terrified _____."
(1) any inanimate noun
(2) any count noun
(3) all mass nouns
(4) only animate nouns
40. Which of the following statements is true only of sentences with transitive verbs?

- (1) They must be followed by an NP.
- (2) They must be followed by mass nouns.
- (3) They can be transformed into the passive.
- (4) They take manner adverbs.

41. For which of the following kinds of nouns do you substitute who to make a question?

- (1) Nhum
- (2) Any noun
- (3) Nnon
- (4) Ncnt

42. Which of the following is true of mass nouns?

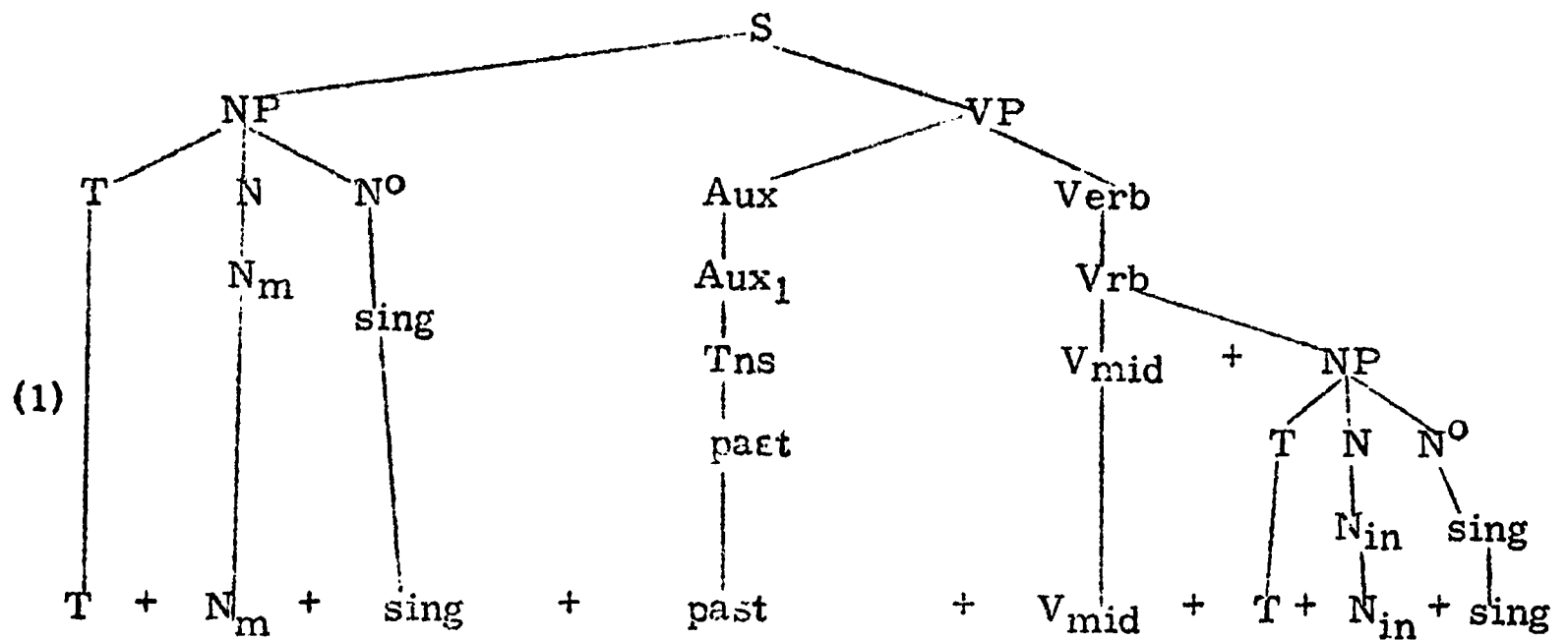
- (1) It is sometimes singular.
- (2) It is always plural.
- (3) It is always singular.
- (4) It is sometimes plural.

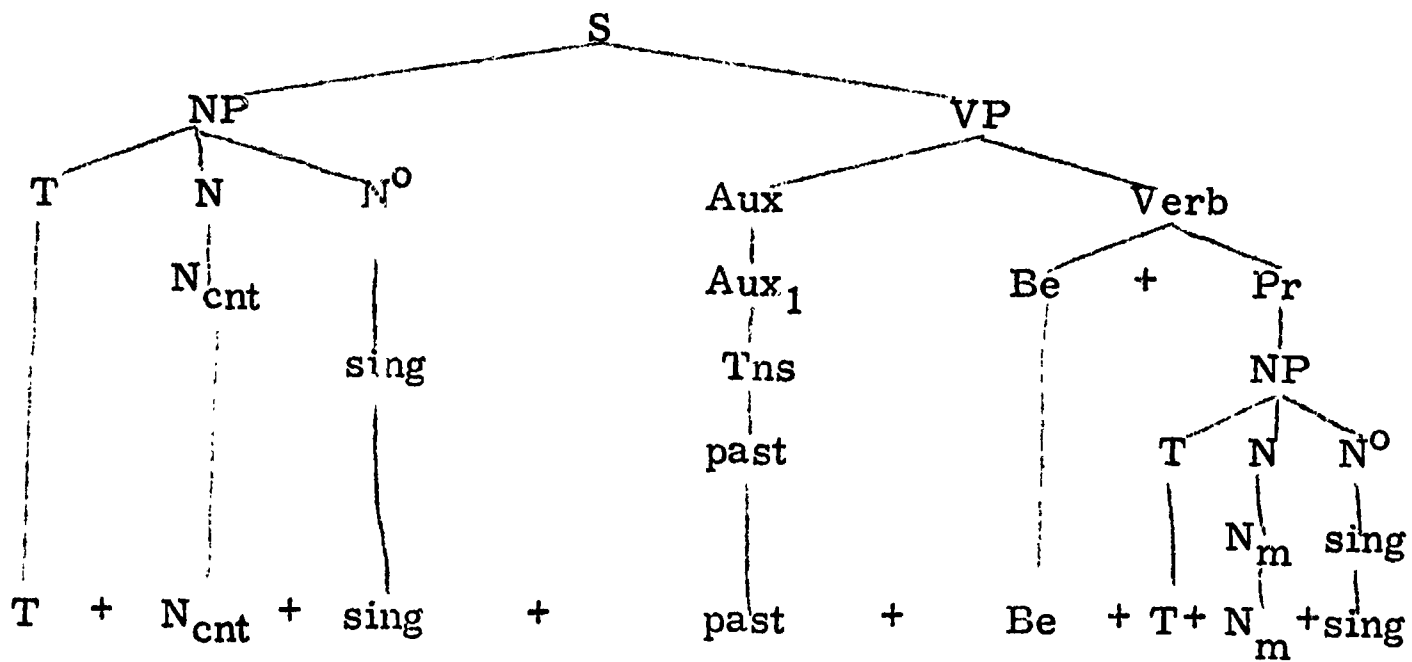
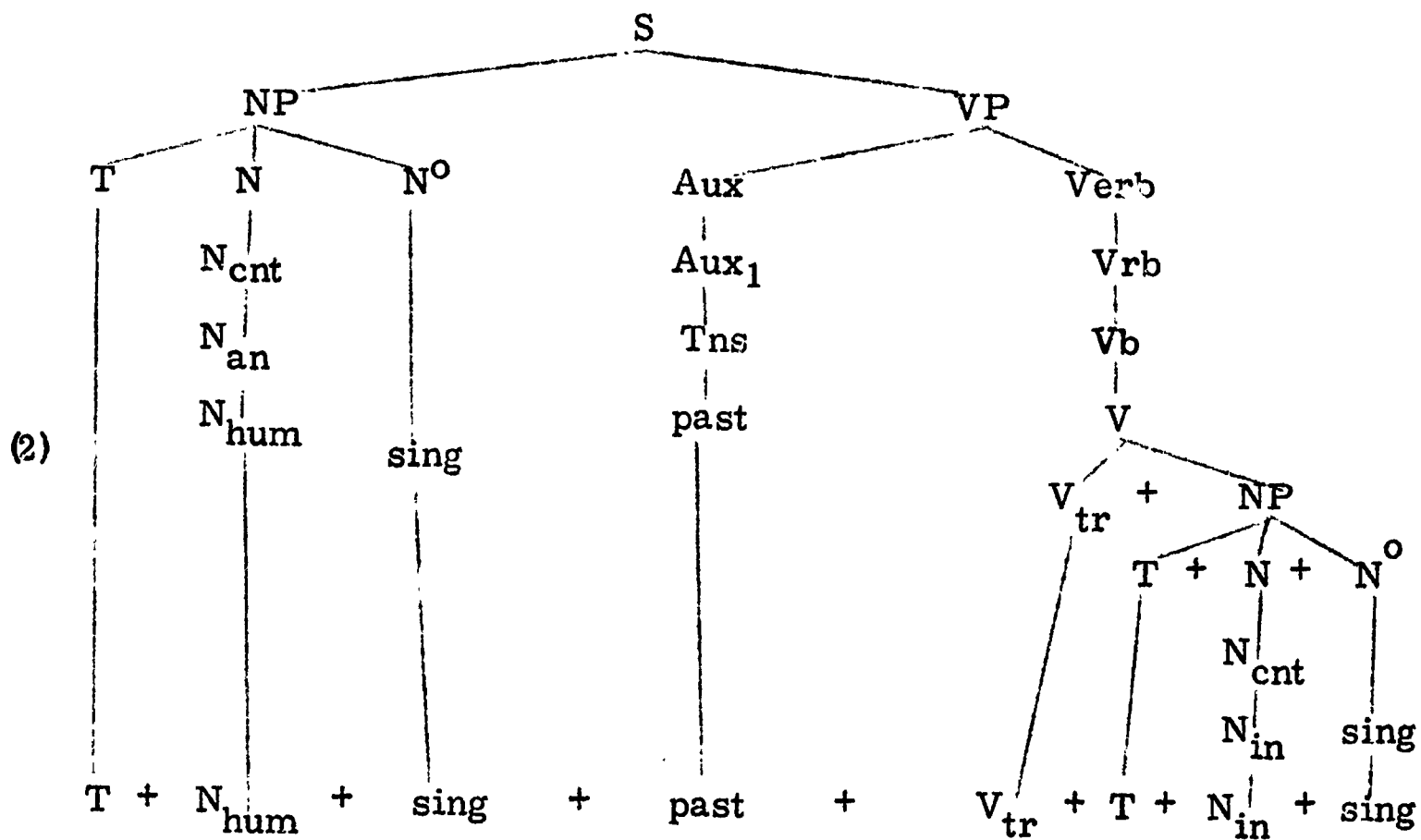
43. A sentence element is said to be "context sensitive" in which of the following situations?

- (1) When it is ungrammatical.
- (2) When it is a mass noun.
- (3) When it is influenced or affected by what is around it.
- (4) When the number is plural.

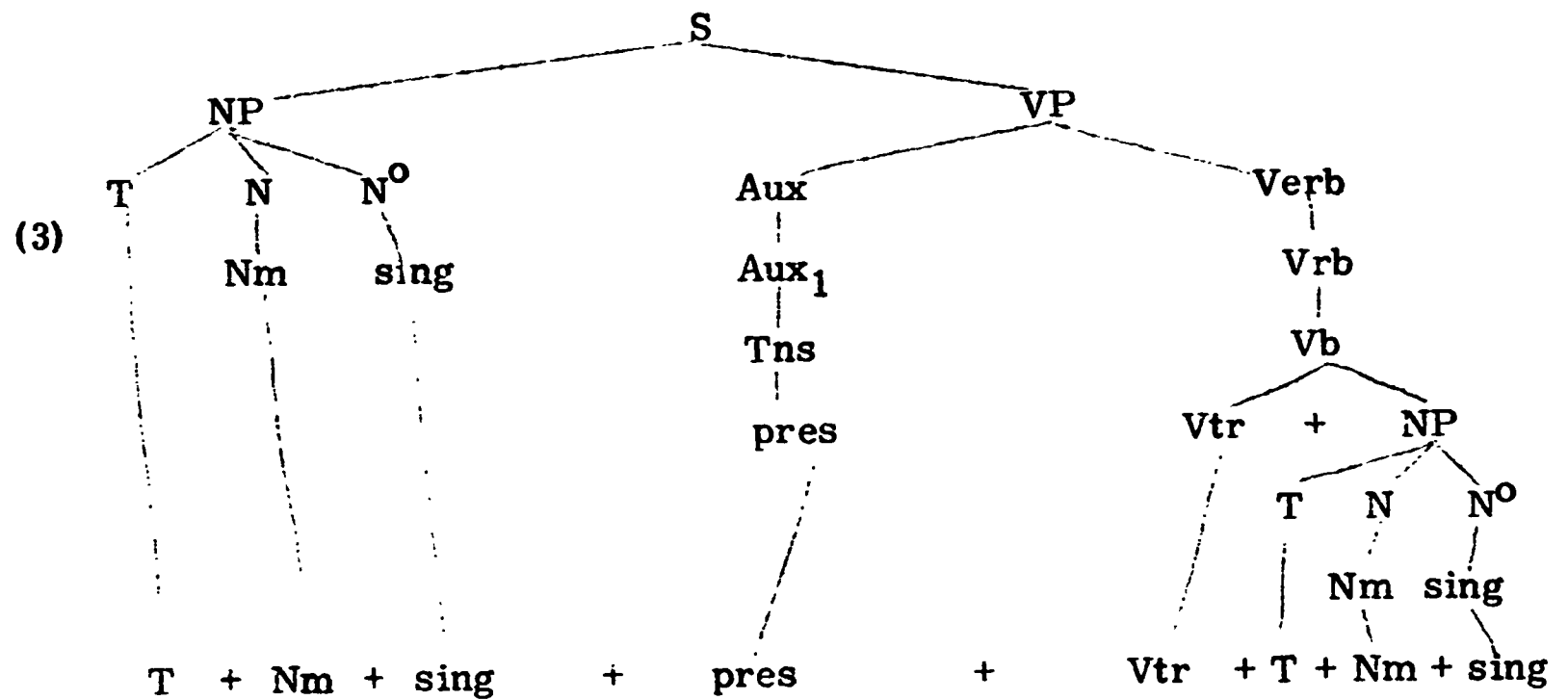
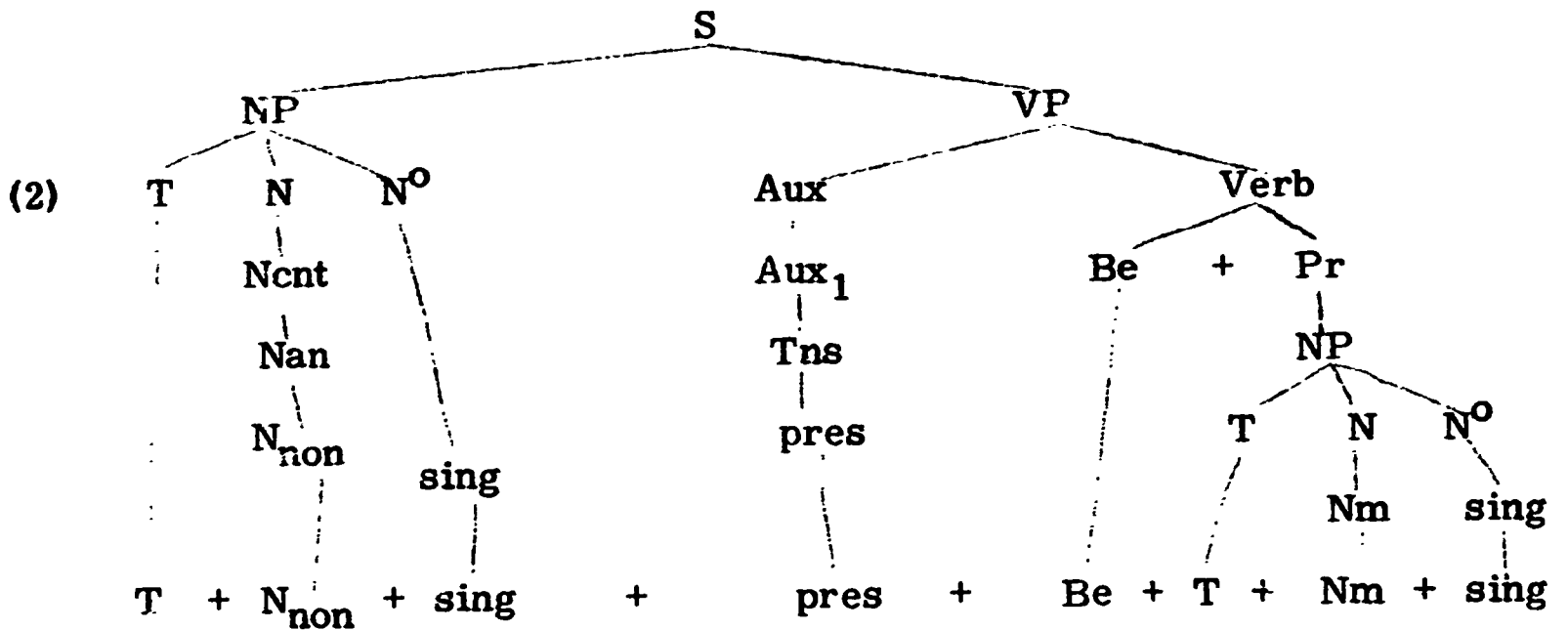
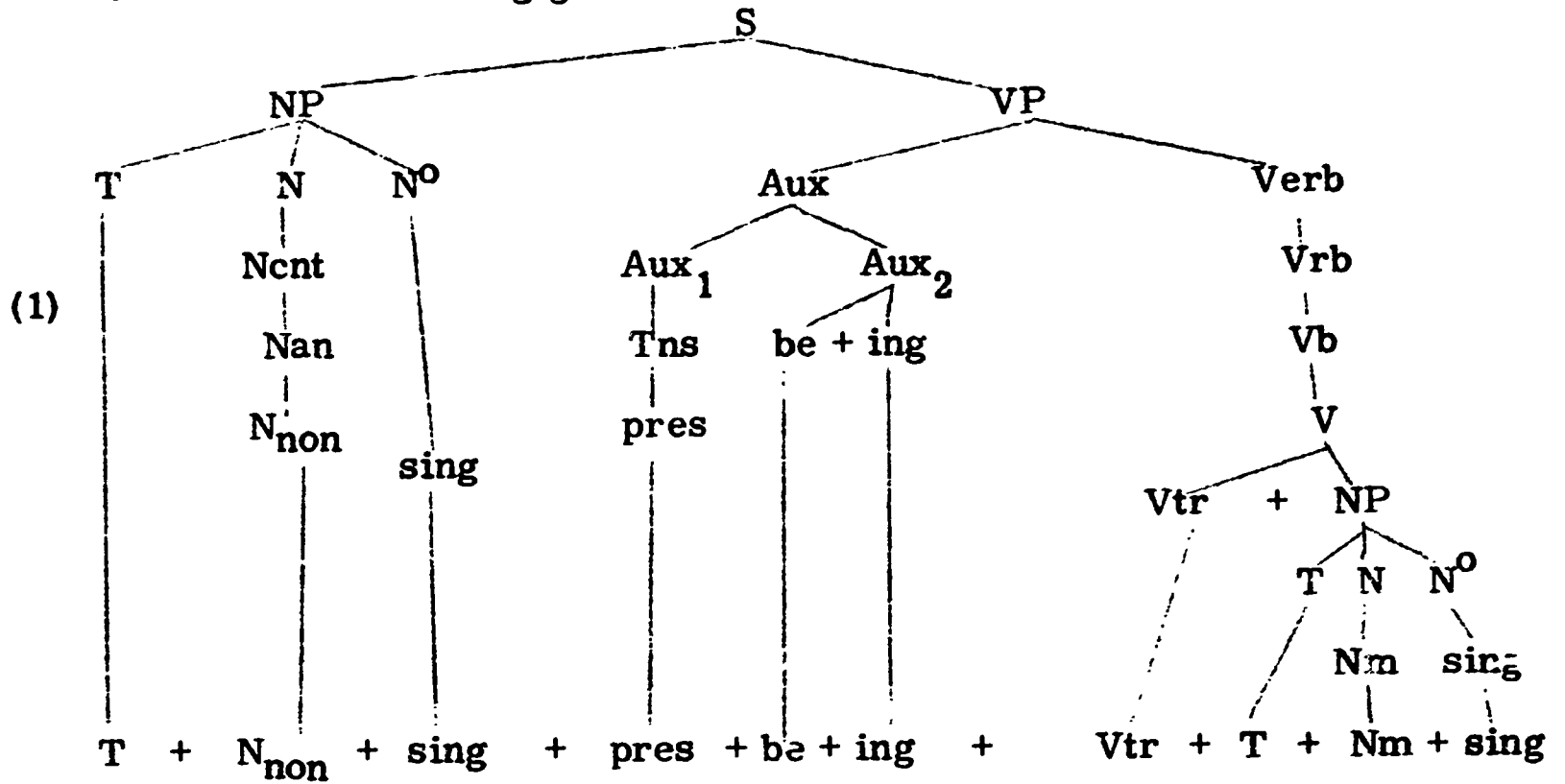
In items 44-47 choose the diagram which is the most accurate for the given sentence and mark the appropriate space on your answer sheet.

44. The archer hit the target.

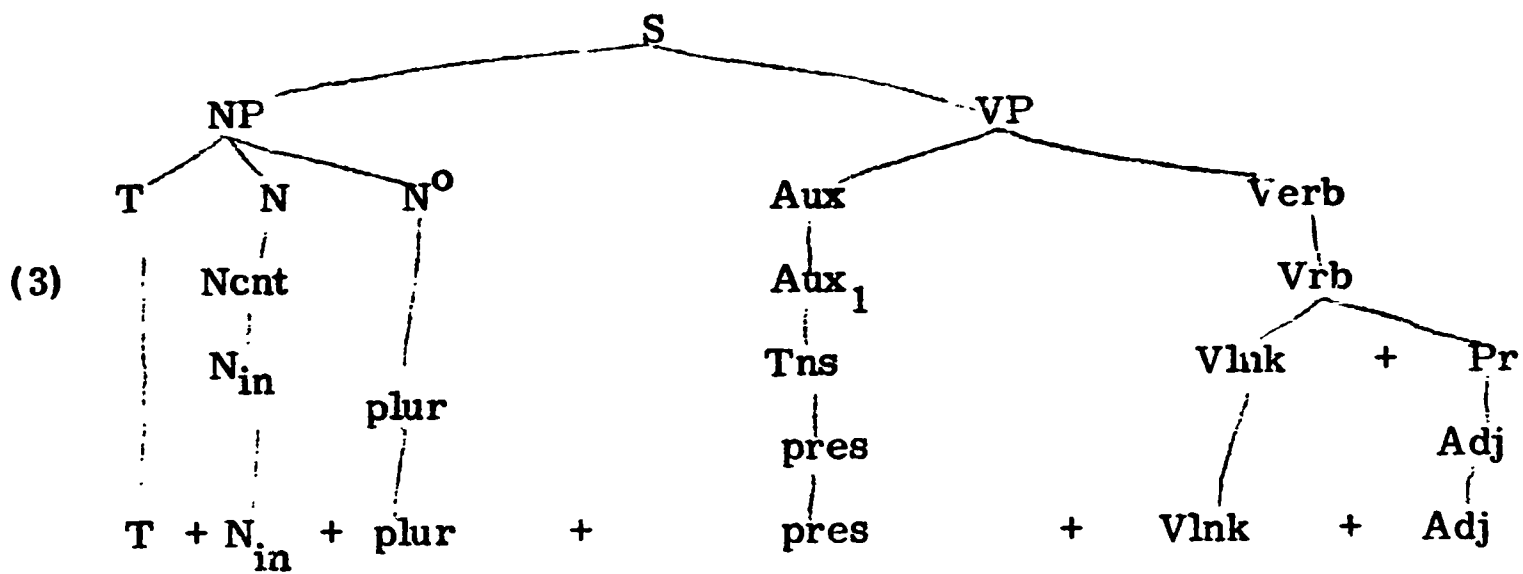
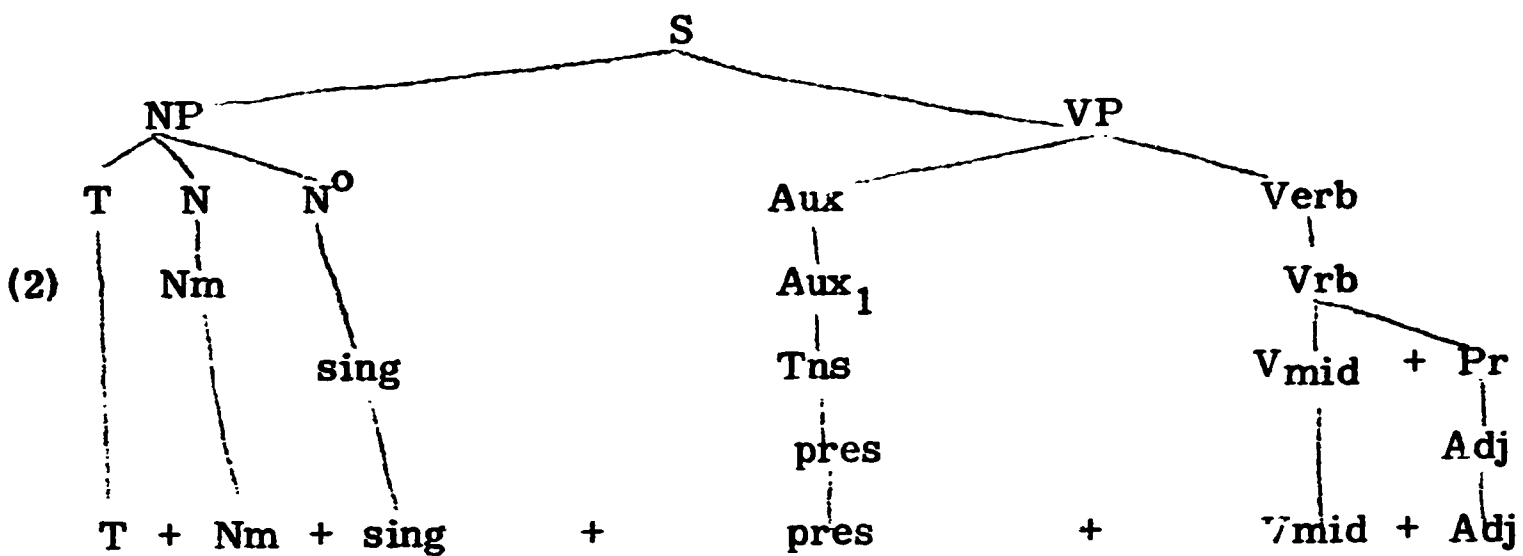
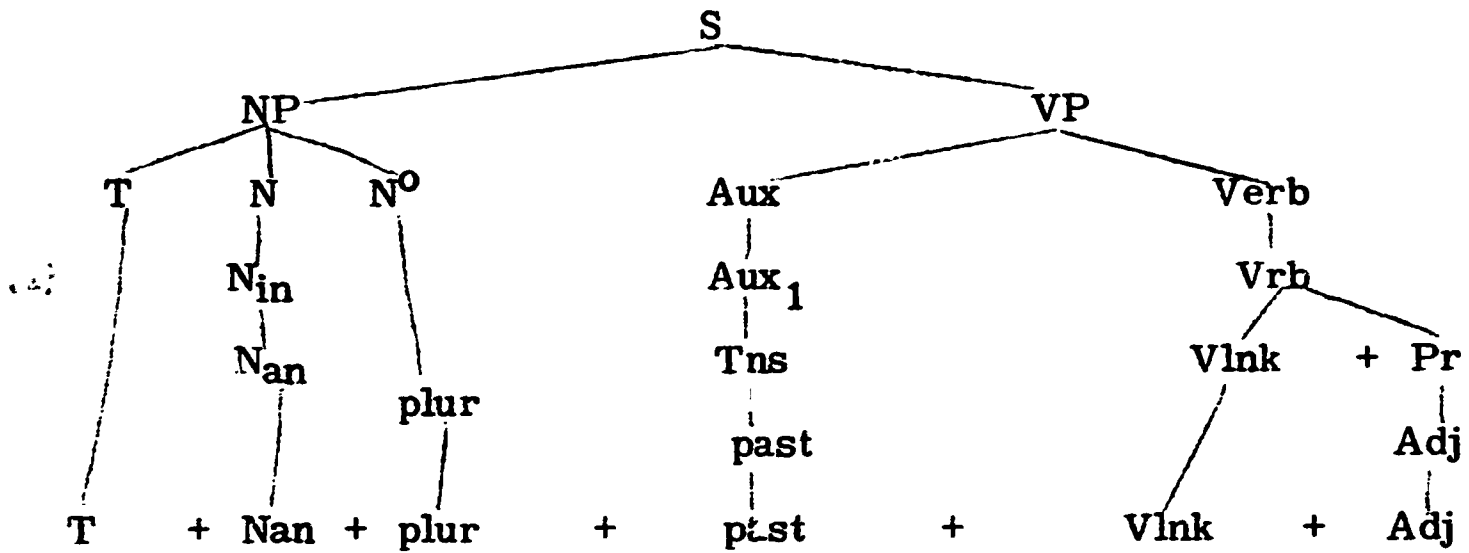




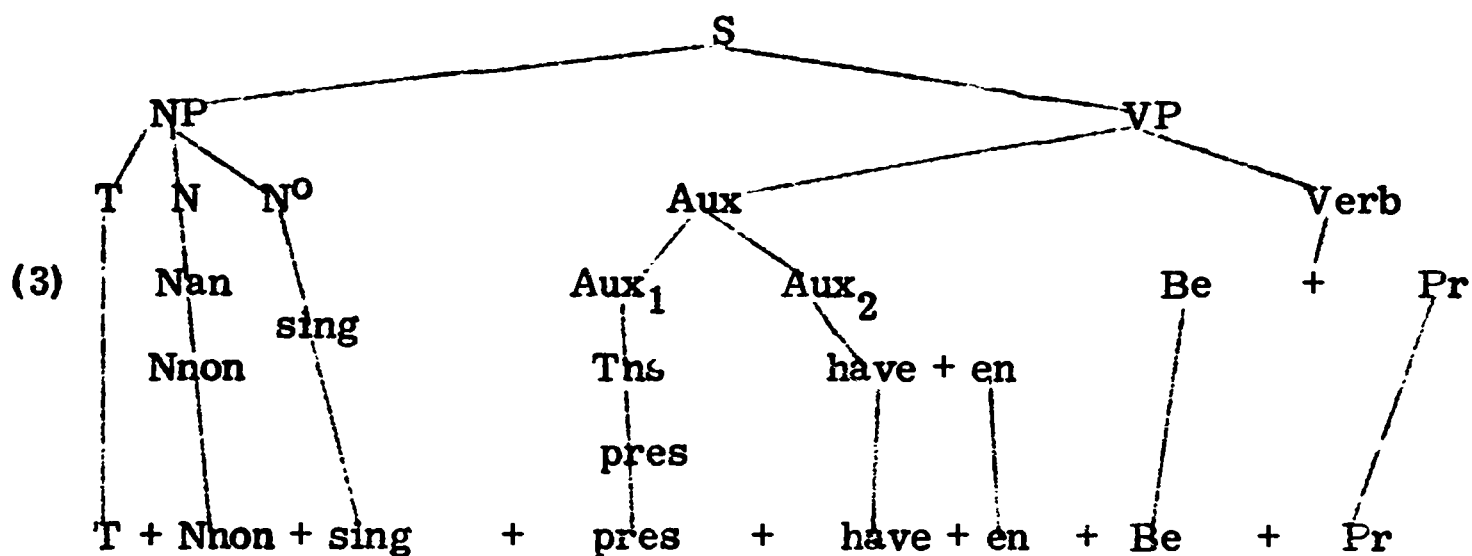
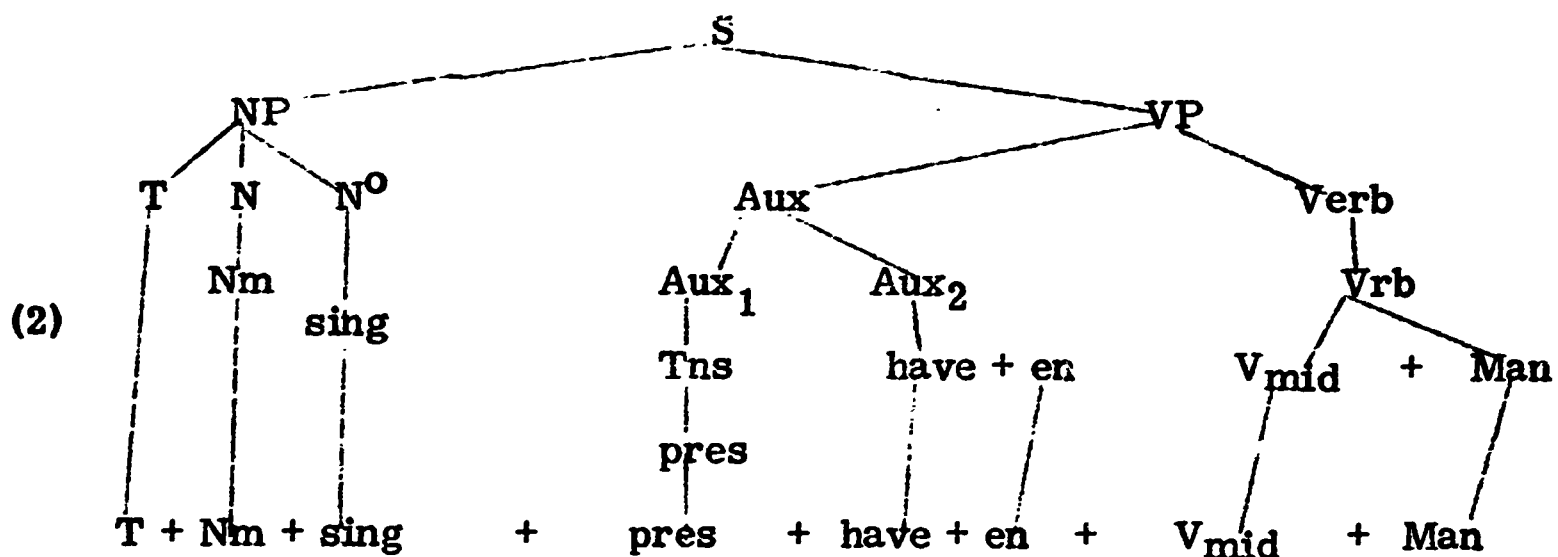
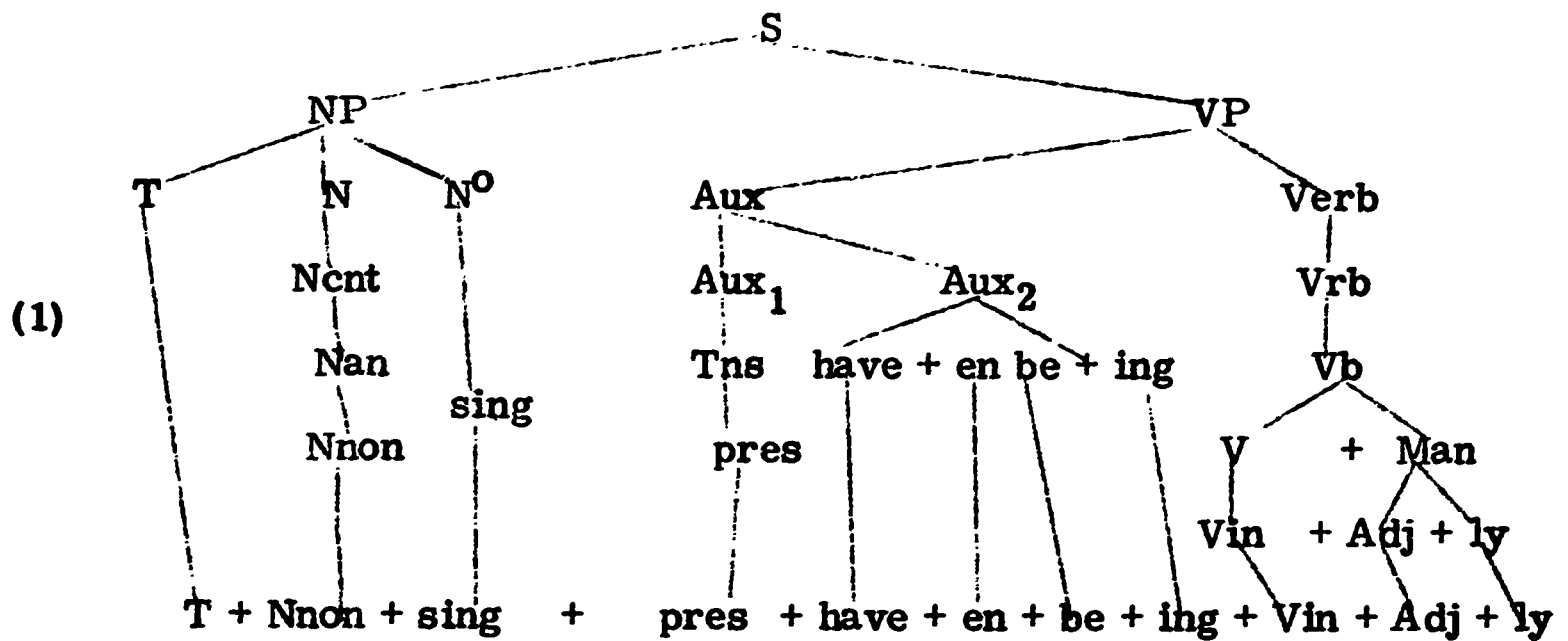
45. The horse is eating grass.



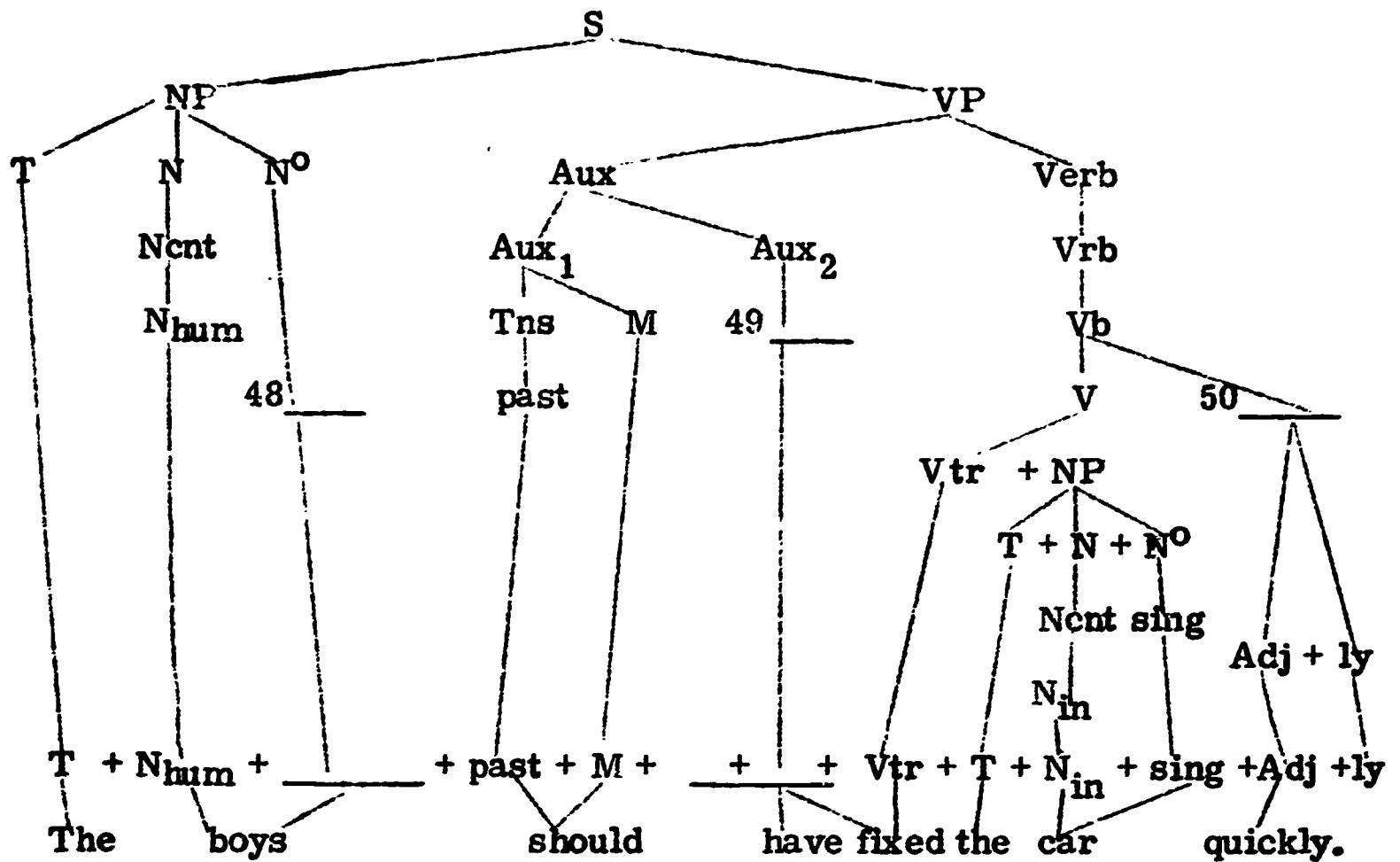
46. The trees look green.



47. The deer has been running swiftly.



In items 48-50 circle the symbol which best fits into the blank with that number in the diagram.



48. (1) Man
(2) sing
(3) plur
(4) Loc

49. (1) Vtr
(2) Tns
(3) Aux₁
(4) have + en

50. (1) Man
(2) Adj
(3) Pr
(4) NP